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(54) **OPTICAL MEMBER AND DISPLAY DEVICE  
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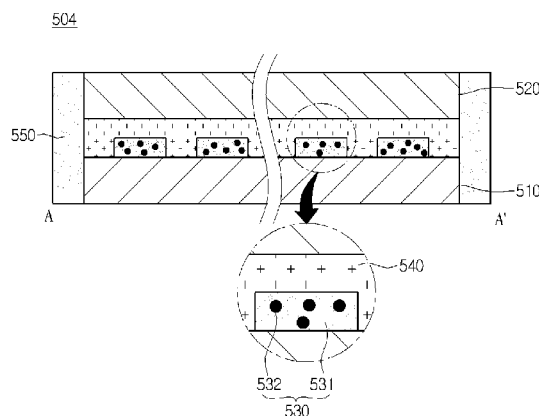
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Disclosed are an optical member and a display device having the same. The optical member includes a first substrate, a plurality of wavelength conversion parts provided on the first substrate while being spaced apart from each other, and a sealing layer on a top surface of the wavelength conversion parts and at a lateral side of the wavelength conversion parts. Each of the wavelength conversion parts includes a host on the first substrate, and a plurality of wavelength conversion particles in the host.

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Fig. 1

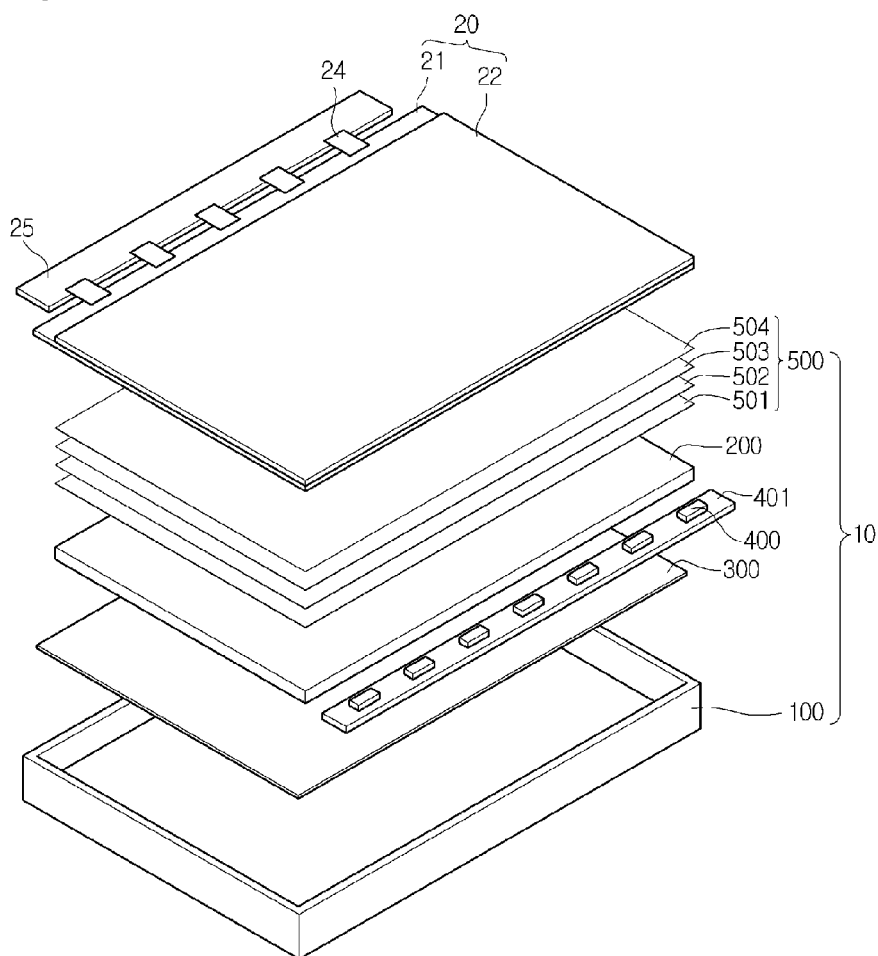


Fig. 2

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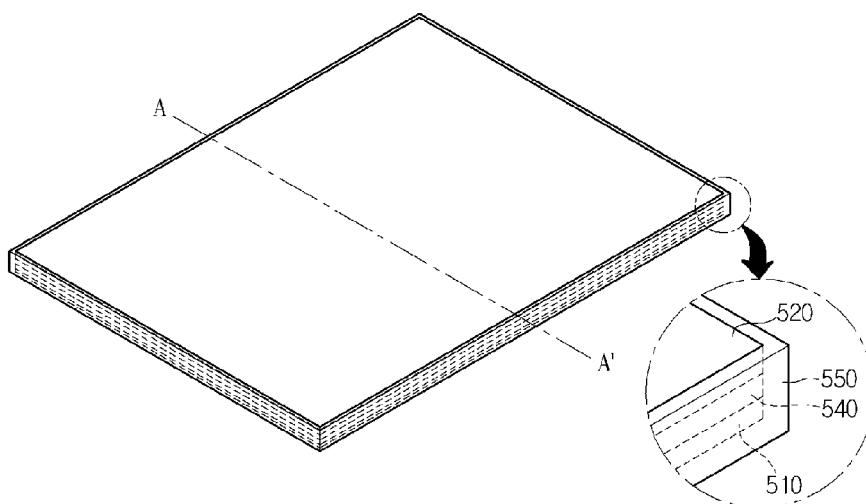


Fig. 3

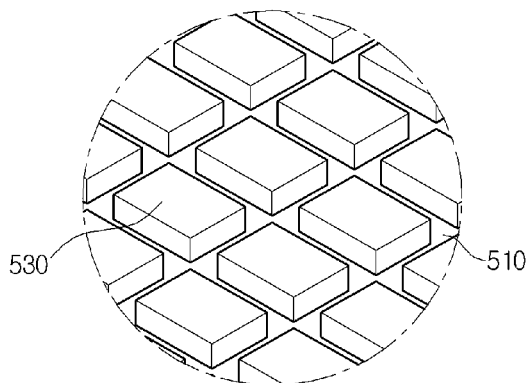


Fig. 4

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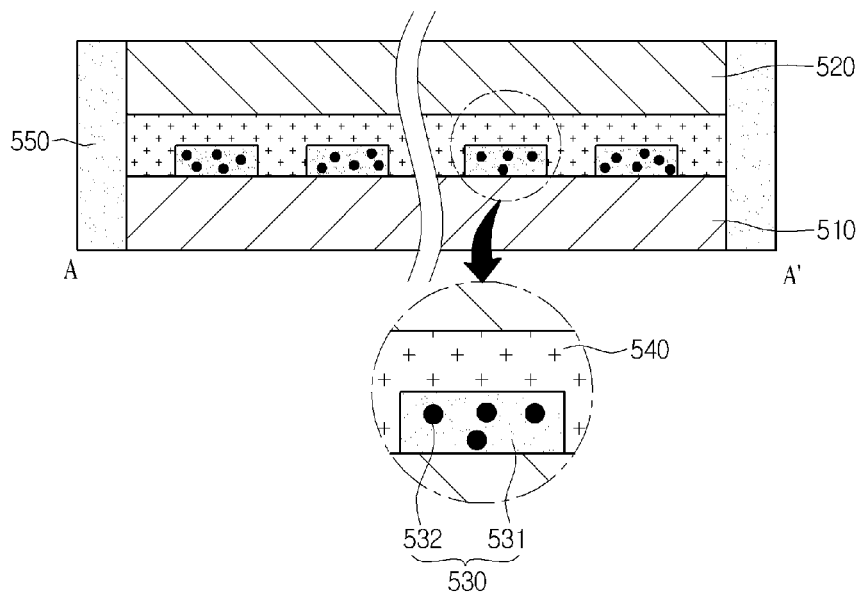


Fig. 5

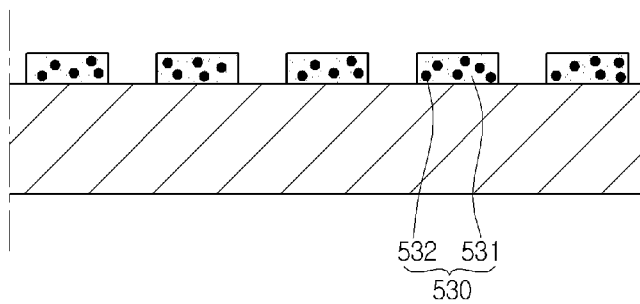


Fig. 6

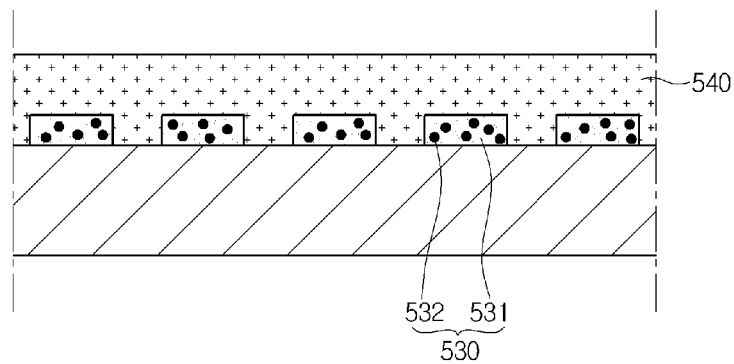


Fig. 7

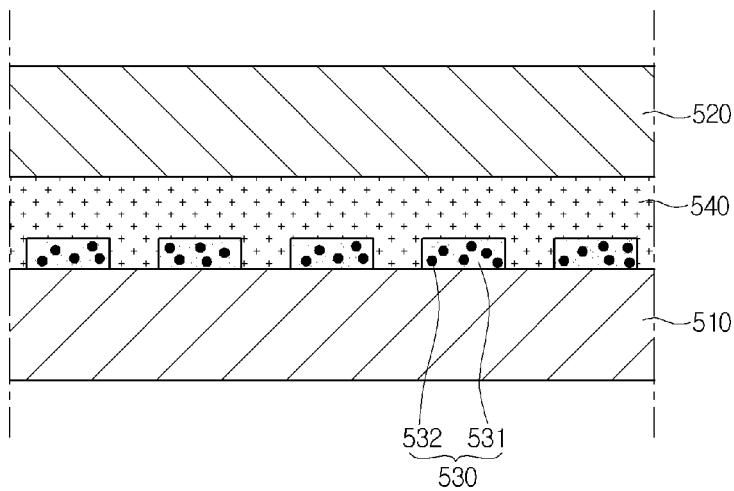


Fig. 8

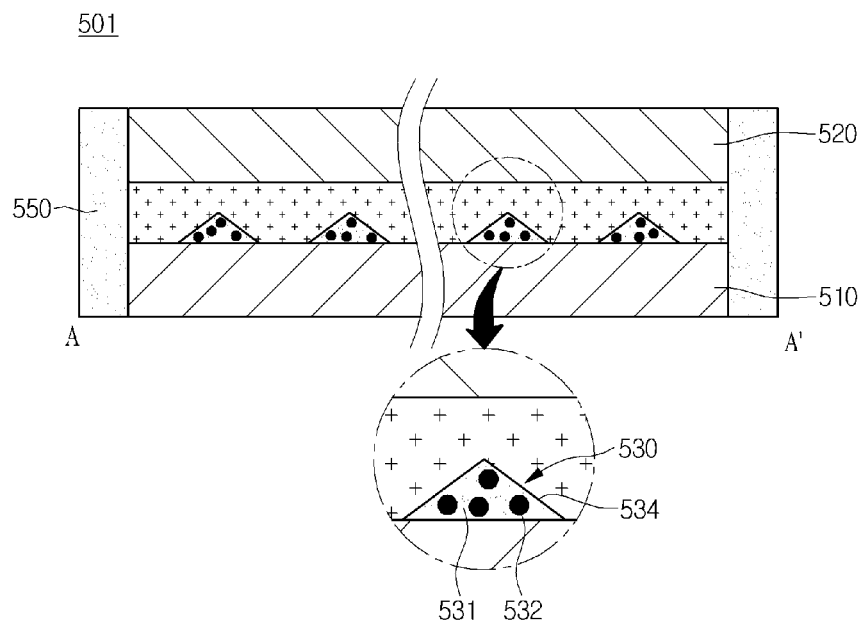


Fig. 9

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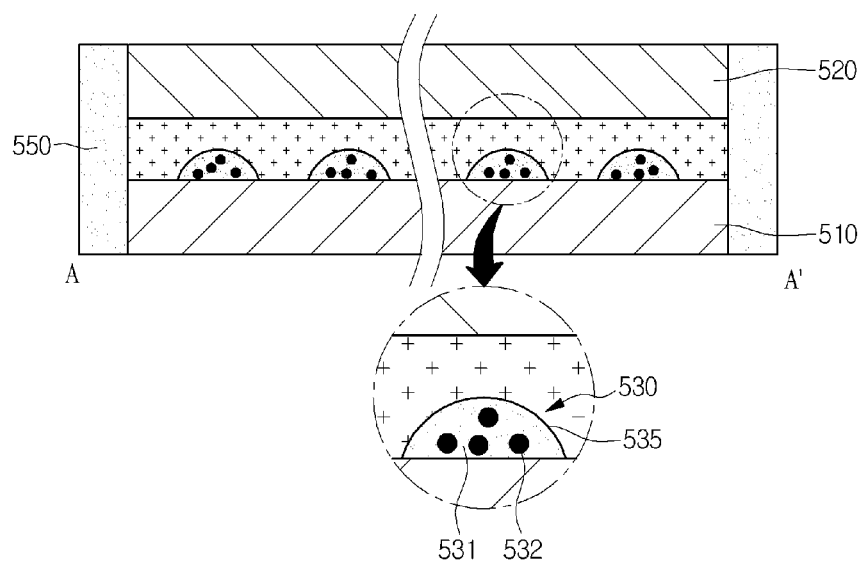


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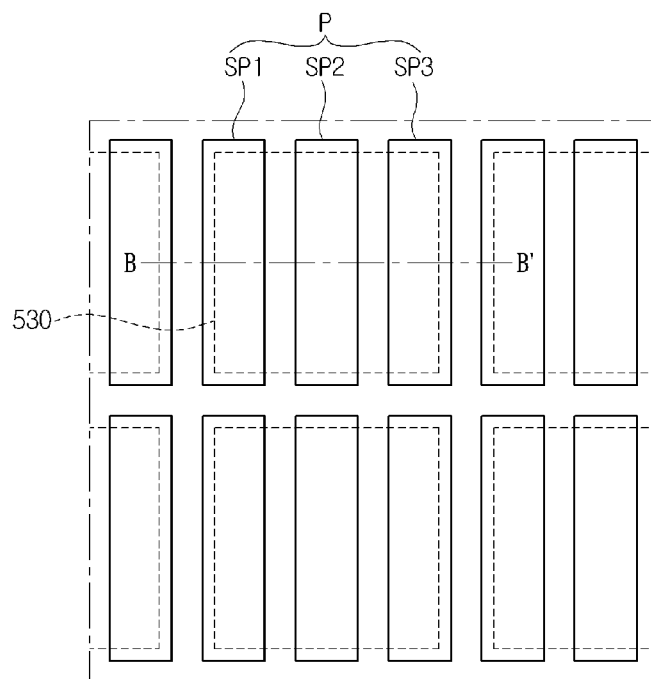


Fig. 11

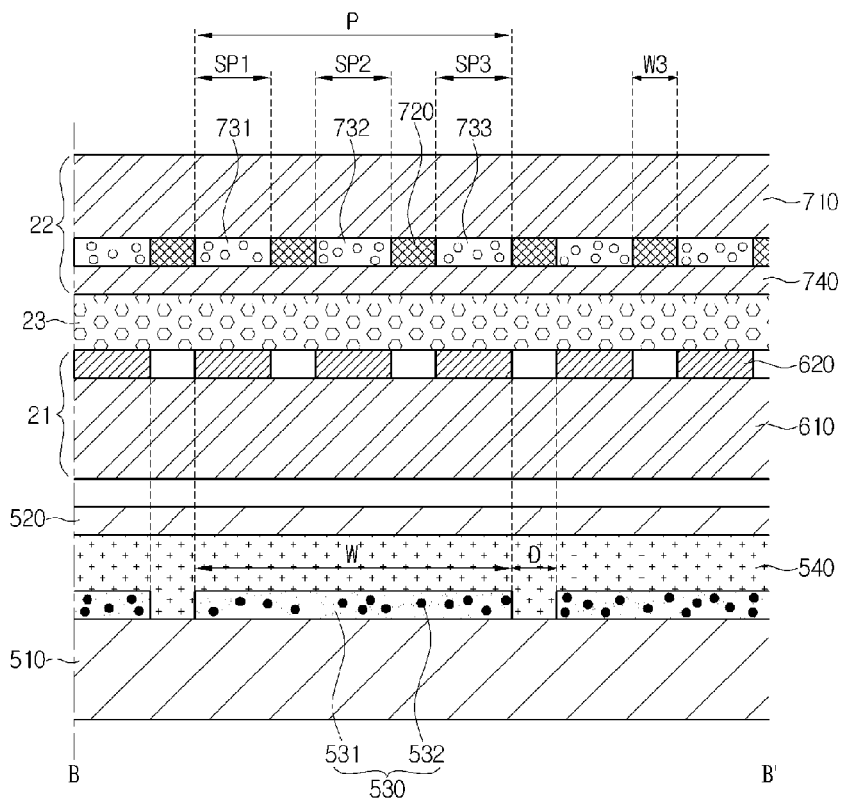
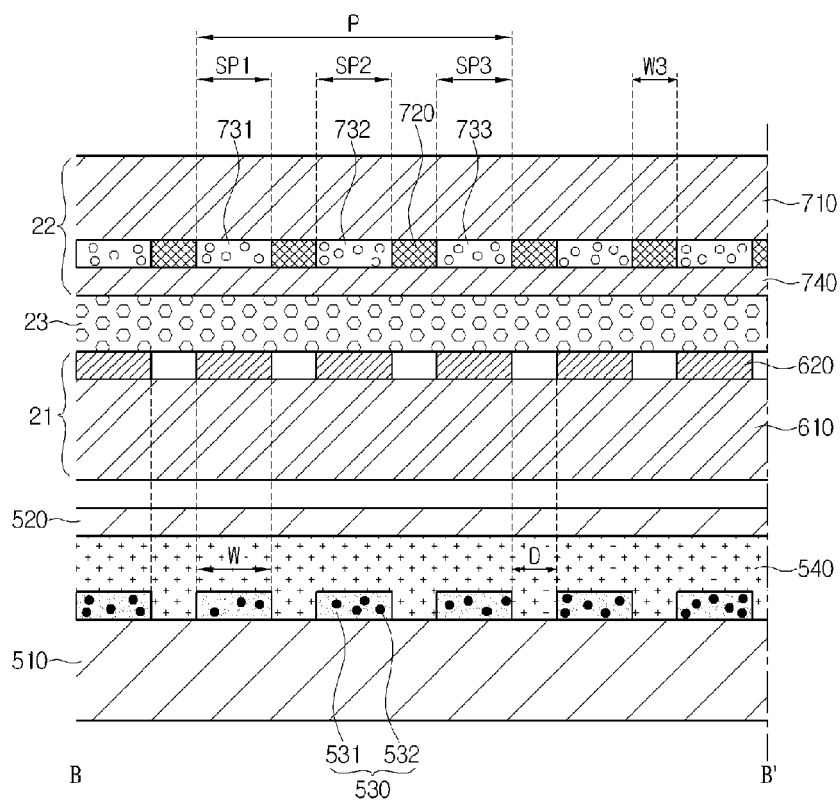


Fig. 12



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# OPTICAL MEMBER AND DISPLAY DEVICE HAVING THE SAME

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. national stage application of International Patent Application No. PCT/KR2012/004611, filed Jun. 11, 2012, which claims priority to Korean Application No. 10-2011-0071142, filed Jul. 18, 2011, the disclosures of each of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

## TECHNICAL FIELD

The embodiment relates to an optical member and a display device having the same.

## BACKGROUND ART

Recently, flat display devices, such as an LCD (liquid crystal display), a PDA (plasma display panel) or an OLED (organic light emitting diode), have been increasingly developed instead of conventional CRTs (cathode ray tubes).

Among them, the LCD includes a liquid crystal display panel having a thin film transistor substrate, a color filter substrate and a liquid crystal injected between the thin film transistor substrate and the color filter substrate. Since the liquid crystal display panel is a non-emissive device, a backlight unit is provided below the thin film transistor substrate to supply light. Transmittance of the light emitted from the backlight unit is adjusted according to the alignment state of the liquid crystal.

The backlight unit is classified into an edge-illumination type backlight unit and a direct-illumination type backlight unit according to the position of a light source. According to the edge-illumination type backlight unit, the light source is located at a lateral side of a light guide plate.

The direct-illumination type backlight unit has been developed as the size of the LCD has become enlarged. According to the direct-illumination type backlight unit, at least one light source is located below the liquid crystal display panel to supply the light over the whole area of the liquid crystal display panel.

When comparing with the edge-illumination type backlight unit, the direct-illumination type backlight unit can employ a large number of light sources so that the high brightness can be achieved. In contrast, the direct-illumination type backlight unit must have thickness larger than thickness of the edge-illumination type backlight unit in order to ensure brightness uniformity.

In order to solve the above problem, a quantum dot bar having a plurality of quantum dots, which can convert blue light into red light or green light, is positioned in front of a blue LED that emits the blue light. Thus, as the blue light is irradiated onto the quantum dot bar, the blue light, the red light and the green light are mixed with each other by the quantum dots distributed in the quantum dot bar and the mixed light is incident into the light guide plate, so that white light is generated.

If the white light is supplied to the light guide plate by using the quantum dot bar, high color reproduction may be realized.

The backlight unit may include an FPCB (flexible printed circuit board) provided at one side of the blue LED, which generates blue light, to supply signals and power to the LED and a bonding member formed under the bottom surface of the FPCB.

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The display device capable of displaying various images using the white light supplied to the light guide plate through the quantum dot bar as the blue light is emitted from the blue LED has been extensively used.

The display device employing the quantum dots is disclosed in Korean Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-2011-0068110.

## DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION

### Technical Problem

The embodiment provides an optical member, which is eco-friendly and can be easily fabricated at a low cost while representing improved color reproduction, improved reliability, and improved durability, and a display device.

### Solution to Problem

According to the embodiment, there is provided an optical member including a first substrate, a plurality of wavelength conversion parts provided on the first substrate while being spaced apart from each other, and a sealing layer on a top surface of the wavelength conversion parts and at a lateral side of the wavelength conversion parts. Each of the wavelength conversion parts includes a host on the first substrate, and a plurality of wavelength conversion particles in the host.

According to the embodiment, there is provided a display device including a display panel including a plurality of pixel regions, a wavelength conversion member provided under the display panel and including wavelength conversion parts corresponding to the pixel regions, respectively, and a light source to generate a light incident into the wavelength conversion member.

### Advantageous Effects of Invention

As described above, the optical member according to the embodiment includes a sealing layer provided at the lateral side of the wavelength conversion parts and on the top surface of the wavelength conversion parts. In other words, the sealing layer covers the lateral side of the wavelength conversion parts and the top surface of the wavelength conversion parts to protect the wavelength conversion parts, that is, the wavelength conversion particles from being external oxygen and/or moisture. In other words, since the sealing layer seals the lateral side of each wavelength conversion part, the sealing layer can represent improved sealing power.

Accordingly, the optical member according to the embodiment can represent improved reliability and improved durability.

In addition, the wavelength conversion parts are spaced apart from each other. Therefore, the wavelength conversion particles are not provided in the space between the wavelength conversion parts. Therefore, the optical member and the display device according to the embodiment can reduce the number of wavelength conversion particles to be used.

Therefore, the liquid crystal display according to the embodiment can be easily fabricated at a low cost.

In addition, since the wavelength conversion parts correspond to the pixel regions, the wavelength conversion parts convert light output from the light source, so that the light can be effectively incident into the display panel. In other words, the wavelength conversion member can concentrate light having a converted wavelength on pixel regions of the display panel requiring the light having the converted wavelength.



Accordingly, the optical member and the display device according to the embodiment can represent improved color reproduction.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is an exploded perspective view showing a liquid crystal display according to the embodiment;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view showing a wavelength conversion member according to the embodiment;

FIG. 3 is a sectional view taken along line A-A' of FIG. 2;

FIGS. 4 to 6 are sectional views showing the manufacturing process of the wavelength conversion member according to the embodiment;

FIG. 7 is a sectional view showing another example of the wavelength conversion member;

FIG. 8 is a sectional view showing still another example of the wavelength conversion member;

FIG. 9 is a plan view showing pixels and wavelength conversion parts;

FIG. 10 is a sectional view showing a liquid crystal panel and a wavelength conversion member according to the embodiment;

FIG. 11 is a sectional view showing a liquid crystal panel and a wavelength conversion member according to another embodiment; and

FIG. 12 is a sectional view showing a liquid crystal panel and a wavelength conversion member according to still another embodiment.

#### MODE FOR THE INVENTION

In the description of the embodiments, it will be understood that, when a substrate, a frame, a sheet, a layer, or a pattern is referred to as being "on" or "under" another substrate, another frame, another sheet, another layer, or another pattern, it can be "directly" or "indirectly" on the other substrate, frame, sheet, layer, or pattern, one or more intervening layers may also be present. Such a position of each element has been described with reference to the drawings. The thickness and size of each element shown in the drawings may be exaggerated, omitted or schematically drawn for the purpose of convenience or clarity. In addition, the size of elements does not utterly reflect an actual size.

FIG. 1 is an exploded perspective view showing a liquid crystal display according to the embodiment, FIG. 2 is a perspective view showing a wavelength conversion member according to the embodiment, and FIG. 3 is a sectional view taken along line A-A' of FIG. 2. FIGS. 4 to 6 are sectional views showing the manufacturing process of the wavelength conversion member according to the embodiment, FIG. 7 is a sectional view showing another example of the wavelength conversion member, and FIG. 8 is a sectional view showing still another example of the wavelength conversion member. FIG. 9 is a plan view showing pixels and wavelength conversion parts, FIG. 10 is a sectional view showing a liquid crystal panel and a wavelength conversion member according to the embodiment, and FIG. 11 is a sectional view showing a liquid crystal panel and a wavelength conversion member according to another embodiment.

Referring to FIGS. 1 to 3, the liquid crystal display according to the embodiment includes a backlight unit 10 and a liquid crystal panel 20.

The backlight unit 10 supplies light to the liquid crystal panel 20. The backlight unit 10 serves as a surface light source so that the light can be uniformly supplied to a bottom surface of the liquid crystal panel 20.

The backlight unit 10 is disposed below the liquid crystal panel 20. The backlight unit 10 includes a bottom cover 100, a light guide plate 200, a reflective sheet 300, a light source, for example, a plurality of light emitting diodes 400, a printed circuit board 401, and a plurality of optical sheets 500.

The upper portion of the bottom cover 100 is open. The bottom cover 100 receives the light guide plate 200, the light emitting diodes 400, the printed circuit board 401, the reflective sheet 300, and the optical sheets 500 therein.

The light guide plate 200 is disposed in the bottom cover 100 and arranged on the reflective sheet 300. The light guide plate 200 guides the light upward by totally-reflecting, refracting and scattering the light incident thereto from the light emitting diodes 400.

The reflective sheet 300 is disposed below the light guide plate 200. In more detail, the reflective sheet 300 is disposed between the light guide plate 200 and the bottom surface of the bottom cover 100. The reflective sheet 300 reflects the light upward as the light is output downward from the bottom surface of the light guide plate 200.

The light emitting diodes 400 serve as a light source for generating the light. The light emitting diodes 400 are disposed at one lateral side of the light guide plate 200. The light generated from the light emitting diodes 400 is incident into the light guide plate 200 through the lateral side of the light guide plate 200.

The light emitting diodes 400 may include a blue light emitting diode generating the blue light or a UV light emitting diode generating the UV light. In detail, the light emitting diodes 400 may emit the blue light having the wavelength band of about 430 nm to 470 nm or the UV light having the wavelength band of about 300 nm to 400 nm.

The light emitting diodes 400 are mounted on the printed circuit board 401. The light emitting diodes 400 may be disposed under the printed circuit board 401. The light emitting diodes 400 are driven by receiving a driving signal through the printed circuit board 401.

The printed circuit board 401 is electrically connected to the light emitting diodes 400. The printed circuit board 401 may mount the light emitting diodes 400 thereon. The printed circuit board 401 is disposed in the bottom cover 100.

The optical sheets 500 are disposed on the light guide plate 200. The optical sheets 500 supplies the light to the liquid crystal panel 20 by changing or enhancing the optical property of the light output from the top surface of the light guide plate 200.

The optical sheets 500 may include a diffusion sheet 501, a first prism sheet 502, a second prism sheet 503, and a wavelength conversion member 504.

The wavelength conversion member 504 may be disposed on the optical path between the light source 300 and the liquid crystal panel 20. For example, the wavelength conversion member 504 may be disposed on the light guide plate 200. In more detail, the wavelength conversion member 504 may be interposed between the second prism sheet 503 and the liquid crystal panel 20. In more detail, the wavelength conversion member 504 may be most adjacent to the liquid crystal panel 20. The wavelength conversion member 504 converts the wavelength of incident light so that the light is output upward. In more detail, the wavelength conversion member 504 converts the wavelength of the incident light so that the light can be directly output to the liquid crystal panel 20.

For instance, if the light emitting diodes 400 are blue light emitting diodes, the wavelength conversion member 504 converts the blue light output upward from the light guide plate 200 into the green light and the red light. In detail, the wavelength conversion member 504 converts a part of the blue

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light into the green light having the wavelength in the range of about 520 nm to about 560 nm, and a part of the blue light into the red light having the wavelength in the range of about 630 nm to about 660 nm.

Therefore, the white light may be generated by the light passing through the wavelength conversion member **504** without being converted and the lights converted by the wavelength conversion member **504**. In detail, the white light may be incident into the liquid crystal panel **20** through the combination of the blue light, the green light and the red light.

In other words, the wavelength conversion member **504** is an optical member to change or improve the characteristic of the incident light. The wavelength conversion member **504** has the form of a sheet. In other words, the wavelength conversion member **504** may include an optical sheet.

The diffusion sheet **501** is provided above the light guide plate **200**. The diffusion sheet **501** improves the uniformity of the passing light. The diffusion sheet **501** may include a plurality of beads.

The first prism sheet **502** is provided on the diffusion sheet **501**. The second prism sheet **503** is provided on the first prism sheet **502**. The first prism sheet **502** and the second prism sheet **503** increase the linearity of light passing through the first prism sheet **502** and the second prism sheet **503**.

As shown in FIGS. **2** and **3**, the wavelength conversion member **504** includes a lower substrate **510**, an upper substrate **520**, a plurality of wavelength conversion parts **530**, a sealing layer **540**, and a lateral side protective part **550**.

The lower substrate **510** is disposed under the wavelength conversion parts **530**. The lower substrate **510** is disposed under the liquid crystal panel **20**. The lower substrate **510** may be transparent or flexible.

The lower substrate **510** may include a transparent polymer such as polyethyleneterephthalate (PET).

The upper substrate **520** is disposed on the sealing layer **540**. The upper substrate **520** may be transparent and flexible. The upper substrate **520** may adhere to the top surface of the sealing layer **540**.

The upper substrate **520** may include a transparent polymer such as PET.

The wavelength conversion parts **530** and the sealing layer **540** are sandwiched between the upper and lower substrates **520** and **510**. The upper and lower substrates **520** and **510** support the wavelength conversion parts **530** and the sealing layer **540**. The upper and lower substrates **520** and **510** protect the wavelength conversion parts **530** from external physical impact. The lower substrate **510** may directly make contact with the wavelength conversion parts **530** and the sealing layer **540**. In addition, the upper substrate **520** may directly make contact with the sealing layer **540**.

In addition, the upper and lower substrates **520** and **510** have low oxygen transmission rate and low moisture permeability. Thus, the upper and lower substrates **520** and **510** can protect the wavelength conversion parts **530** from external chemical penetration, such as oxygen and/or moisture.

The wavelength conversion parts **530** are interposed between the lower and upper substrates **510** and **520**. The wavelength conversion parts **530** may adhere to the top surface of the lower substrate **510**, and adhere to the bottom surface of the upper substrate **520**. In other words, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may be directly arranged on the top surface of the lower substrate **510**.

As shown in FIGS. **3** and **4**, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may be spaced apart from each other. In other words, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may form a pat-

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tern on the lower substrate **510**. In addition, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may have a rectangular parallelepiped shape.

In addition, as shown in FIG. **8**, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may include an inclined surface **534**. The inclined surface **534** is inclined with respect to the top surface of the lower substrate **510**. The wavelength conversion parts **530** may have a triangular prism shape extending in one direction, a polygonal pyramid shape, a polygonal truncated pyramid shape, a conical shape, or a conical truncated shape.

As shown in FIG. **9**, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may have a curved surface **535**. For example, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may have a semi cylinder shape extending in one direction, or a semispherical shape.

In other words, the wavelength conversion member **504** may be divided into a region having the wavelength conversion parts **530** and a region having no the wavelength conversion parts **530**. In other words, the top surface of the lower substrate **510** may be exposed between the wavelength conversion parts **530**.

The wavelength conversion part includes a host **531** and a plurality of wavelength conversion particles **532**.

The host **531** surrounds the wavelength conversion particles **532**. In other words, the host **531** contains the wavelength conversion particles **532** uniformly distributed therein. The host **531** may include polymer such as silicon-based resin. The host **531** is transparent. In other words, the host **531** may include transparent polymer.

The host **531** is interposed between the upper and lower substrates **520** and **510**. The host **531** may adhere to the top surface of the lower substrate **510** and may be spaced apart from the upper substrate **520**.

The wavelength conversion particles **532** are interposed between the lower and upper substrates **510** and **520**. In more detail, the wavelength conversion particles **532** are uniformly distributed into the host **531**, and the host **531** may be interposed between the lower substrate **510** and the upper substrate **520**.

The wavelength conversion particles **532** convert the wavelength of the light emitted from the light emitting diodes **400**. In detail, the wavelength conversion particles **532** receive light emitted from the light emitting diodes **400** to convert the wavelength of the incident light. For instance, the wavelength conversion particles **532** may convert the blue light emitted from the light emitting diodes **400** into a red light. In other words, the wavelength conversion particles **532** may convert the blue light into the red light having the wavelength in the range of about 630 nm to about 660 nm.

If the light emitting diodes **400** are blue light emitting diodes that emit the blue light, the wavelength conversion particles **532** capable of converting the blue light into the red light may be employed.

The wavelength conversion particles **532** may include a plurality of quantum dots. The quantum dots may include core nano-crystals and shell nano-crystals surrounding the core nano-crystals. In addition, the quantum dots may include organic ligands bonded to the shell nano-crystals. In addition, the quantum dots may include an organic coating layer surrounding the shell nano-crystals.

The shell nano-crystals may be prepared as at least two layers. The shell nano-crystals are formed on the surface of the core nano-crystals. The quantum dots lengthen the wavelength of the light incident into the core nano-crystals by using the shell nano-crystals forming a shell layer, thereby improving the light efficiency.

The quantum dots may include at least one of a group-II compound semiconductor, a group-III compound semicon-

ductor, a group-V compound semiconductor, and a group-VI compound semiconductor. In more detail, the core nano-crystals may include CdSe, InGaP, CdTe, CdS, ZnSe, ZnTe, ZnS, HgTe or HgS. In addition, the shell nano-crystals may include CuZnS, CdSe, CdTe, CdS, ZnSe, ZnTe, ZnS, HgTe or HgS. The quantum dot may have a diameter of about 1 nm to about 15 nm. In more detail, the quantum dot may have a diameter of about 8 nm to about 11 nm.

The wavelength of the light emitted from the quantum dots can be adjusted according to the size of the quantum dot. The organic ligand may include pyridine, mercapto alcohol, thiol, phosphine and phosphine oxide. The organic ligand may stabilize the unstable quantum dots after the synthesis process. Dangling bonds may be formed at the valence band and the quantum dots may be unstable due to the dangling bonds. However, since one end of the organic ligand is the non-bonding state, one end of the organic ligand is bonded with the dangling bonds, thereby stabilizing the quantum dots.

In particular, if the size of the quantum dot is smaller than the Bohr radius of an exciton, which consists of an electron and a hole excited by light and electricity, the quantum confinement effect may occur, so that the quantum dot may have the discrete energy level. Thus, the size of the energy gap is changed. In addition, the charges are confined within the quantum dot, so that the light emitting efficiency can be improved.

Different from general fluorescent pigments, the fluorescent wavelength of the quantum dot may vary depending on the size of the particles. In detail, the light has the shorter wavelength as the size of the particle is reduced, so that the fluorescent light having the wavelength band of visible ray can be generated by adjusting the size of the particles. In addition, the quantum dot represents the extinction coefficient which is 100 to 1000 times higher than that of the general fluorescent pigment and has the superior quantum yield as compared with the general fluorescent pigment, so that strong fluorescent light can be generated.

The quantum dots can be synthesized through the chemical wet scheme. The chemical wet scheme is to grow the particles by immersing the precursor material in the organic solvent. According to the chemical wet scheme, the quantum dots can be synthesized.

The sealing layer **540** is provided on the lower substrate **510**. In addition, the sealing layer **540** covers the wavelength conversion parts **530**. The sealing layer **540** is provided on a lateral side and a top surface of the wavelength conversion parts **530**. In more detail, the sealing layer **540** directly makes contact with the lateral side and the top surface of the wavelength conversion parts **530**. In addition, the sealing layer **540** covers the lateral side and the top surface of the wavelength conversion parts **530**. The sealing layer **540** adheres to the lateral side and the top surface of the wavelength conversion parts **530**. In other words, the sealing layer **540** is coated on the top surface of the lower substrate **510**, and the lateral side and the top surface of the wavelength conversion parts **530**. The sealing layer **540** is provided in a space between the wavelength conversion parts **530**.

The sealing layer **540** is interposed between the lower substrate **510** and the upper substrate **520**. The sealing layer **540** may directly make contact with the lower and upper substrates **510** and **520**. The sealing layer **540** may make contact with the whole bottom surface of the upper substrate **520**.

The sealing layer **540** is transparent. The sealing layer **540** may include polymer. The sealing layer **540** may include silicon resin, perylene resin, or epoxy resin. The silicon resin may be formed by curing polysiloxan or siloxane oligomer. In

addition, the epoxy resin may include hydrogenated epoxy resin, butadiene epoxy resin, or fluorine epoxy resin.

The wavelength conversion member **504** may be formed through the following process.

Referring to FIG. 5, a first resin composition including a plurality of wavelength conversion particles **532** is formed. The first resin composition may include silicon-based resin, epoxy-based resin, or acrylic-based resin. In addition, the first resin composition may contain a solvent such as toluene, hexan, or chloroform. The solvent may be contained at a ratio of about 10 wt % to about 30 wt % with respect to the resin composition.

In addition, the first resin composition may further include an adhesive agent or an adhesion agent serving as an organic binder. Therefore, the viscosity of the first resin composition may be in the range of about 450 cPs to about 30000 cPs. In addition, the wavelength conversion particles **532** may be uniformly distributed in the first resin composition through the mechanical scheme.

Thereafter, the first resin composition is coated on the lower substrate **510** through the screen coating process. In other words, the first resin composition is coated on the lower substrate **510** in the form of a pattern. Next, after removing a solvent from the first resin composition, the first resin composition is cured by light and/or heat, thereby forming the wavelength conversion parts **530**.

Referring to FIG. 6, the second resin composition is coated on the wavelength conversion parts **530**. The second resin composition may be uniformly coated on the top surface of the lower substrate **510** and the top surface and the bottom surface of the wavelength conversion parts **530**. The second resin composition may be coated on the lower substrate **510** through a spray coating scheme or a spin coating scheme. The second resin composition may include perylene resin, polysiloxan, siloxane oligomer, or epoxy resin.

Thereafter, the sealing layer **540** may be formed by curing the coated second resin composition by light and/or heat.

Referring to FIG. 7, the upper substrate **520** is laminated on the sealing layer **540**. Thereafter, a lateral side protective part **550** is formed on lateral sides of the sealing layer **540**, the upper substrate **520**, and the lower substrate **510**. Therefore, the wavelength conversion member **504** may be formed.

The lateral side protective part is provided at a lateral side of the sealing layer **540**. In more detail, the lateral side protective part **550** covers the lateral sides of the sealing layer **540**, the upper substrate **520**, and the lower substrate **510**.

The lateral side protective part **550** and the upper substrate **520** may be omitted. In other words, the wavelength conversion member **504** can perform an intrinsic function thereof by employing only the lower substrate **510**, the wavelength conversion members **530**, and the sealing layer **540**.

The wavelength conversion member **504** may further include first and second inorganic protective layers. The first inorganic protective layer is coated on the bottom surface of the lower substrate **510**, and the second inorganic protective layer may be coated on the top surface of the upper substrate **520**. The first and second inorganic protective layers may include silicon oxide.

The liquid crystal panel **20** is provided on the wavelength conversion member **504**. In more detail, the liquid crystal panel **20** may directly make contact with the wavelength conversion member **504**. In more detail, the wavelength conversion member **504** may adhere to the liquid crystal panel **20**.

The liquid crystal panel **20** displays images by adjusting intensity of light passing through the liquid crystal panel **20**. In detail, the liquid crystal panel **20** is a display panel for

displaying the images by using the light emitted from the backlight unit 10. Referring to FIGS. 10 and 11, the liquid crystal panel 20 includes a TFT substrate 21, a color filter substrate 22 and a liquid crystal layer 23. In addition, the liquid crystal panel 20 includes polarizing filters provided on the bottom surface of the TFT substrate 21 and on the top surface of the color filter substrate 22.

The TFT substrate 21 is provided in opposition to the color filter substrate 22. The TFT substrate 21 may apply an electric field to the liquid crystal layer 23 in the unit of a pixel together with the color filter substrate 22. The TFT substrate 21 includes a first transparent substrate 610 and a plurality of pixel electrodes 620.

The first transparent substrate 610 is transparent and has a plate shape. The first transparent substrate 610 may include a glass substrate. In addition, the first transparent substrate 610 includes an insulator.

The pixel electrodes 620 are provided on the first transparent substrate 610. The pixel electrodes 620 apply an electric field to the liquid crystal layer 23. The pixel electrodes 620 may be provided corresponding to pixels of the liquid crystal panel 20, respectively. Therefore, the pixel electrodes 620 can apply the electric field to the pixels P of the liquid crystal panels 20, respectively.

The pixel electrodes 620 are transparent, and include a conductor. The pixel electrodes 620 may include indium tin oxide or indium zinc oxide.

Although not shown in accompanying drawings, the TFT substrate 21 may further include a plurality of gate lines, a plurality of data lines crossing the gate lines, and a plurality of thin film transistors (TFTs).

The gate lines are provided in parallel to each other to apply gate signals to the TFTs. In other words, the gate lines are used to apply gate signals to drive the TFTs.

The data lines apply data signals to the pixel electrodes 620 through the operations of the TFTs. The pixel electrodes 620 apply an electric field to the liquid crystal layer 23 by the data signals. In other words, the data signals represent predetermined voltage used to apply an electric field to the liquid crystal layer 23 by the pixel electrodes 620.

The TFTs may be provided at cross regions of the gate lines and the data lines. The TFTs may perform a switch function between the data lines and the pixel electrodes 620. In other words, the TFTs selectively connect the pixel electrodes 620 to the data lines according to the gate signals.

In addition, the TFT substrate 21 may further include insulating layers (not shown) to insulate the gate lines, the data lines, and the pixel electrodes 620 from each other.

The color filter substrate 22 is provided over the TFT substrate 21. The color filter substrate 22 is provided in opposition to the TFT substrate 21. The color filter substrate 22 is spaced apart from each other the TFT substrate 21 by a predetermined distance. The color filter substrate 22 includes a second transparent substrate 710, a black matrix 720, first color filters 731, second color filters 732, third color filters 733, and a common electrode 740.

The second transparent substrate 710 is provided in opposition to the first transparent substrate 610. The second transparent substrate 710 is provided over the first transparent substrate 610. The second transparent substrate 710 is transparent, and has a plate shape. The second transparent substrate 710 may include a glass substrate. In addition, the second transparent substrate 710 may include an insulator.

The black matrix 720 is provided under the second transparent substrate 710. The black matrix 720 shields the light. In other words, the black matrix 720 is a light shielding part to shield incident light. The black matrix 720 may include an

opening part corresponding to the pixels P. The black matrix 720 may include black resin or a chrome oxide layer.

In addition, the black matrix 720 may serve as a partition to divide the first color filters 731, the second color filters 732, and the third color filters 733 from each other. The black matrix 720 may have a width W3 in the range of about 15  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 35  $\mu\text{m}$ .

The first color filters 731 are provided under the second transparent substrate 710. The first color filters 731 are provided in the opening part of the black matrix 720. The first color filters 731 may be surrounded by the black matrix 720.

The first color filter 240 may receive white light to output red light. In other words, the first color filter 240 may output light having a predetermined wavelength band. For example, the first color filter 240 may output light having a wavelength band of about 600 nm to about 700 nm through light filtering.

The first color filters 731 filter incident light. In more detail, the first color filters 731 absorb light having a predetermined wavelength band, and reflect or transmit light having a predetermined wavelength band. For example, the first color filters 731 absorb blue light and green light of incident white light and transmit red light.

The first color filters 731 may include red dyes and/or red pigments. For example, the first color filters 731 may include perylene-based compound or diketo pyrrolopyrrole-based compound.

The second color filters 732 are provided under the second transparent substrate 710. In addition, the second color filters 732 may be provided beside the first color filters 731. The second color filters 731 are provided in the opening parts of the black matrix 720. The second color filters 732 may be surrounded by the black matrix 720.

The second color filters 732 receive white light and output red light. In other words, the second color filters 732 may output light having a predetermined wavelength band. For example, the second color filters 732 may output light having a wavelength band in the range of about 500 nm to about 600 nm through light filtering.

The second color filters 732 filter incident light. In more detail, the second color filters 732 absorb light having a predetermined wavelength band and transmit light having a predetermined wavelength band. For example, the second color filters 732 may absorb blue light and red light of the incident white light and transmit green light.

The second color filters 732 may include green dyes and/or green pigments. For example, the second color filters 732 may include phthalocyanine-based compound.

The third color filters 733 are provided under the second transparent substrate 710. In addition, the third color filters 733 may be provided beside the second color filters 732. The third color filters 733 are provided in the opening part of the black matrix 720. The third color filters 733 may be surrounded by the black matrix 720.

The third color filters 733 may receive white light and output blue light. In other words, the third color filters 733 may output light having a predetermined wavelength band. For example, the third color filters 733 may output light having a predetermined wavelength band of about 400 nm to about 500 nm through light filtering.

The third color filters 733 filters light incident. In more detail, the third color filters absorb light having a predetermined wavelength band and transmit light having a predetermined wavelength band. For example, the third color filters 733 absorb red light and green light of the incident white light and transmit blue light.

The third color filters 733 may include blue dyes and/or glue pigments. For example, the third color filters 733 may

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include copper phthalocyanine-based compound or anthraquinone-based compound.

The common electrode **740** is provided under the second transparent substrate **710**. In more detail, the common electrode **740** is provided under the first, second, third color filters **731**, **732**, and **733**.

In addition, an over coating layer may be interposed between the color filters **731**, **732**, and **733** and the common electrode **740**.

The common electrode **740** is a transparent conductor. The common electrode **740** may include indium tin oxide or indium zinc oxide.

The liquid crystal layer **23** is interposed between the TFT substrate **21** and the color filter substrate **22**. In more detail, the liquid crystal layer **23** is interposed between the pixel electrode **620** and the common electrode **740**. In addition, an alignment layer may be interposed between the TFT substrate **21** and the liquid crystal layer **23**, or may be interposed between the color filter substrate **22** and the liquid crystal layer **23**.

The liquid crystal layer **23** is aligned by the electric field between the common electrode **740** and the pixel electrodes **620**. Accordingly, the liquid crystal layer **23** can adjust the characteristic of light passing through the liquid crystal layer **23** in the unit of a pixel. In other words, the liquid crystal layer **23** displays an image by the applied electric field together with the polarizing filters provided under the first transparent substrate **610** and provided on the second transparent substrate **710**.

The liquid crystal layer **23** may include smectic liquid crystal, nematic liquid crystal, or cholesteric liquid crystal.

Referring to FIGS. **10** and **11**, the liquid crystal panel **20** and the wavelength conversion member **504** may be aligned with each other.

The liquid crystal panel **20** includes a plurality of pixels **P**. Each pixel may be a unit to display an image. In addition, each pixel **P** may include three sub-pixels **SP1**, **SP2**, and **SP3**. In more detail, each pixel **P** may include the first sub-pixel **SP1** to display a red image, a second sub-pixel **SP2** to display a green image, and a third sub-pixel **SP3** to display a blue image.

Therefore, each sub-pixel **P** includes one color filter. In more detail, the first sub-pixel **SP1** includes one first color filter **731**. In addition, the second sub-pixel **SP2** includes one second color filter **732**. In addition, the third sub-pixel **SP3** includes one third color filter **733**.

In addition, the black matrix **720** corresponds to the boundary of the sub-pixels **SP1**, **SP2**, and **SP3**. In other words, the black matrix **720** is provided along the outer portion of the sub-pixels **SP1**, **SP2**, and **SP3**. In addition, a portion of the black matrix **720** corresponds to the boundary of the pixels **P**. In other words, a portion of the black matrix **720** is provided along the outer portion of the pixels **P**.

In addition, the wavelength conversion member **504** is aligned with the liquid crystal panel **20**. In more detail, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may be aligned with the pixels **P**. In more detail, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may correspond to the pixels **P**, respectively. In other words, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may be provided at regions corresponding to the pixels **P**. In other words, each wavelength conversion part **530** may face each pixel **P**.

In other words, each wavelength conversion part **530** may cover one first sub-pixel **SP1**, one second sub-pixel **SP2**, and one third sub-pixel **SP3**. In other words, each wavelength conversion part **530** may overlap with one first sub-pixel **SP1**, one second sub-pixel **SP2**, and one third sub-pixel **SP3**.

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Therefore, the black matrix **720** may be provided between the wavelength conversion parts **530**. In other words, a portion of the black matrix **720** may be interposed between the wavelength conversion parts **530**, and another portion of the black matrix **720** may overlap with the wavelength conversion parts **530**.

Therefore, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may have a width **W** in the range of about 200  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 350  $\mu\text{m}$ . In more detail, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may have the width **W** in the range of about 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 300  $\mu\text{m}$ . In this case, an interval **D** between the wavelength conversion parts **530** may be in the range of about 15  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 35  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Referring to FIG. **12**, the wavelength conversion parts **530** may correspond to the sub-pixels **SP1**, **SP2**, and **SP3**, respectively. In other words, each wavelength conversion part **530** corresponds to each of the sub-pixels **SP1**, **SP2**, and **SP3**. In more detail, each wavelength conversion part **530** may overlap with an entire portion of each of the sub-pixels **SP1**, **SP2**, and **SP3**.

Therefore, the entire portion of the black matrix **720** is provided between the wavelength conversion parts **530**. In other words, the black matrix **720** may correspond to the outer portions of the wavelength conversion parts **530**.

Therefore, the width **W** of each of the wavelength conversion parts **530** may be in the range of about 65  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 120  $\mu\text{m}$ . In more detail, the width **W** of the wavelength conversion parts **530** may be in the range of about 80  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . In addition, the interval **D** between the wavelength conversion parts **530** may be in the range of about 15  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 35  $\mu\text{m}$ .

As described above, according to the liquid crystal display of the embodiment, each wavelength conversion part **530** is matched with each pixel **P**, or each sub-pixel **SP1**, **SP2**, or **SP3**. In this case, more many wavelength conversion particles **532** may be provided in the region corresponding to the pixel **P** or the sub-pixel **SP1**, **SP2**, or **SP3**. Therefore, actually, light with improved color reproduction can be incident into the pixels **P** or the sub-pixels **SP1**, **SP2**, and **SP3**, which require light.

Therefore, the liquid crystal display according to the embodiment can represent improved color reproduction.

In addition, the liquid crystal panel **20** is provided at the edge thereof with a driving PCB **25** to supply driving signals to the gate lines and the data lines.

The driving PCB **25** is electrically connected to the liquid crystal panel **20** through a COF (Chip on Film) **24**. In this case, the COF **24** may be replaced with a TCP (Tape Carrier Packaged).

In addition, the sealing layer **540** covers the lateral side of the wavelength conversion parts **530** and the top surface of the wavelength conversion parts **530** to protect the wavelength conversion parts **530**, that is, the wavelength conversion particles **532** from being external oxygen and/or moisture. In other words, since the sealing layer **540** seals the lateral side of each wavelength conversion part **530**, the sealing layer **540** can represent improved sealing power.

Therefore, the liquid crystal display according to the embodiment can represent improved reliability and improved durability.

In addition, the wavelength conversion parts **530** are spaced apart from each other. Therefore, the wavelength conversion particles **532** are not provided in the space between the wavelength conversion parts **530**. Therefore, the optical member and the display device according to the embodiment can reduce the number of wavelength conversion particles **532** to be used.

Therefore, the liquid crystal display according to the embodiment can be easily fabricated at a low cost.

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In particular, the wavelength conversion particles **532** may include quantum dots including cadmium (Cd). In this case, the cadmium (Cd) is metal noxious to a human body. In this case, since the liquid crystal display according to the present embodiment can reduce the number of the wavelength conversion particles **532** to be used, the liquid crystal display according to the present embodiment is eco-friendly. In particular, when comparing with a case in which the wavelength conversion parts **530** are formed under the entire portion of the liquid crystal panel **20**, the liquid crystal display according to the present embodiment can reduce the use of the wavelength conversion particles **532** by about 25%.

Any reference in this specification to “one embodiment,” “an embodiment,” “example embodiment,” etc., means that a particular feature, structure, or characteristic described in connection with the embodiment is included in at least one embodiment of the invention. The appearances of such phrases in various places in the specification are not necessarily all referring to the same embodiment. Further, when a particular feature, structure, or characteristic is described in connection with any embodiment, it is submitted that it is within the purview of one skilled in the art to effect such feature, structure, or characteristic in connection with other ones of the embodiments.

Although embodiments have been described with reference to a number of illustrative embodiments thereof, it should be understood that numerous other modifications and embodiments can be devised by those skilled in the art that will fall within the spirit and scope of the principles of this disclosure. More particularly, various variations and modifications are possible in the component parts and/or arrangements of the subject combination arrangement within the scope of the disclosure, the drawings and the appended claims. In addition to variations and modifications in the component parts and/or arrangements, alternative uses will also be apparent to those skilled in the art.

The invention claimed is:

1. An optical member comprising:

a first substrate;  
a plurality of wavelength conversion parts provided on the first substrate while being spaced apart from each other;  
a first inorganic protective layer on a bottom surface of the first substrate;

a sealing layer on a top surface of the wavelength conversion parts and at a lateral side of the wavelength conversion parts;

a second substrate on the sealing layer; and  
a lateral side protective part disposed on lateral sides of the sealing layer, the first substrate, and the second substrate;

wherein each of the wavelength conversion parts comprises:

a host on the first substrate; and  
a plurality of wavelength conversion particles in the host;  
wherein the first substrate is spaced apart from the second substrate.

2. The optical member of claim 1, wherein a width of the wavelength conversion parts is in a range of 250  $\mu\text{m}$  to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ , and an interval between the wavelength conversion parts is in a range of 15  $\mu\text{m}$  to 35  $\mu\text{m}$ .

3. The optical member of claim 1, wherein the wavelength conversion parts include an inclined surface inclined with respect to a top surface of the first substrate.

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4. The optical member of claim 1, wherein the wavelength conversion parts include a curved surface.

5. The optical member of claim 1, wherein the first substrate or the second substrate includes polymer, and the polymer includes polyethyleneterephthalate (PET).

6. The optical member of claim 1, wherein the sealing layer includes silicon resin, perylene resin, or epoxy resin.

7. A display device comprising:

a display panel including a plurality of pixel regions;

a wavelength conversion member provided under the display panel and including wavelength conversion parts; and

a light source to generate a light incident into the wavelength conversion member,

wherein the wavelength conversion member comprises:

a first substrate;

a first inorganic protective layer on a bottom surface of the first substrate;

a sealing layer on a top surface of the wavelength conversion parts and at a lateral side of the wavelength conversion parts;

a second substrate on the sealing layer; and

a lateral side protective part disposed on lateral sides of the sealing layer, the first substrate, and the second substrate;

wherein each of the wavelength conversion parts comprises:

a host on the first substrate; and

a plurality of wavelength conversion particles in the host; and

wherein the first substrate is spaced apart from the second substrate.

8. The display device of claim 7, wherein the display panel comprises:

a third substrate on the wavelength conversion member;

a fourth substrate on the third substrate;

a liquid crystal layer between the third and fourth substrates;

a plurality of first color filters on the fourth substrate;

a plurality of second color filters beside the first color filters; and

a plurality of third color filters beside the second color filters,

wherein each pixel region includes one first color filter, one second color filter, and one third color filter.

9. The display device of claim 7, wherein the display panel comprises a plurality of color filters, and the wavelength conversion parts correspond to the color filters, respectively.

10. The display device of claim 7, further comprising a light shielding part corresponding to an outer portion of each pixel region, wherein the light shielding part is provided at a region between the wavelength conversion parts.

11. The display device of claim 7, wherein the second substrate adheres to a lower portion of the display panel.

12. The display device of claim 7, wherein the sealing layer is bonded to the display panel.

13. The display device of claim 7, wherein the wavelength conversion parts include an inclined surface inclined with respect to a top surface of the first substrate.

14. The display device of claim 7, wherein the wavelength conversion parts include a curved surface.

15. The display device of claim 7, wherein the sealing layer includes silicon resin, perylene resin, or epoxy resin.

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